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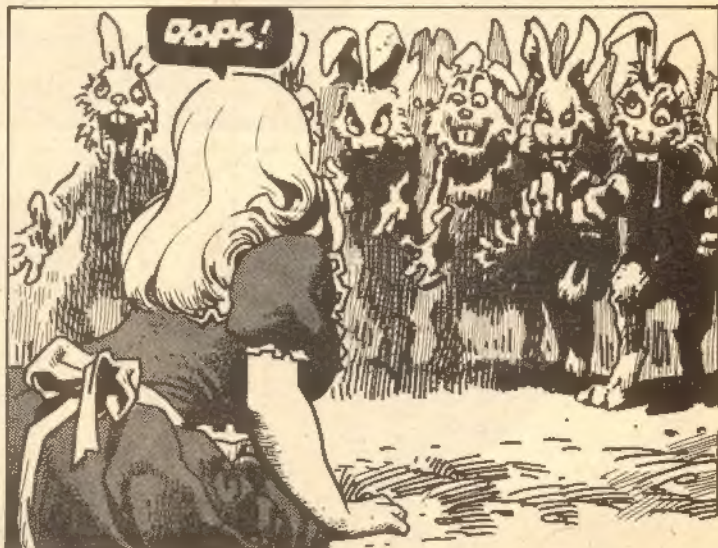
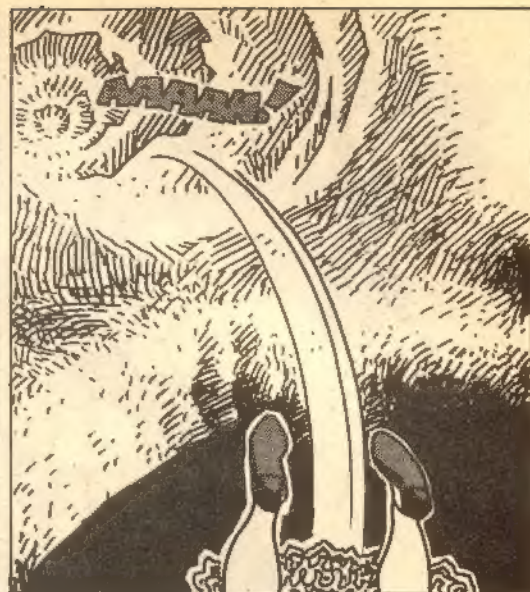
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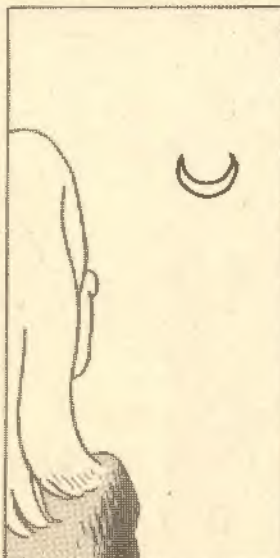
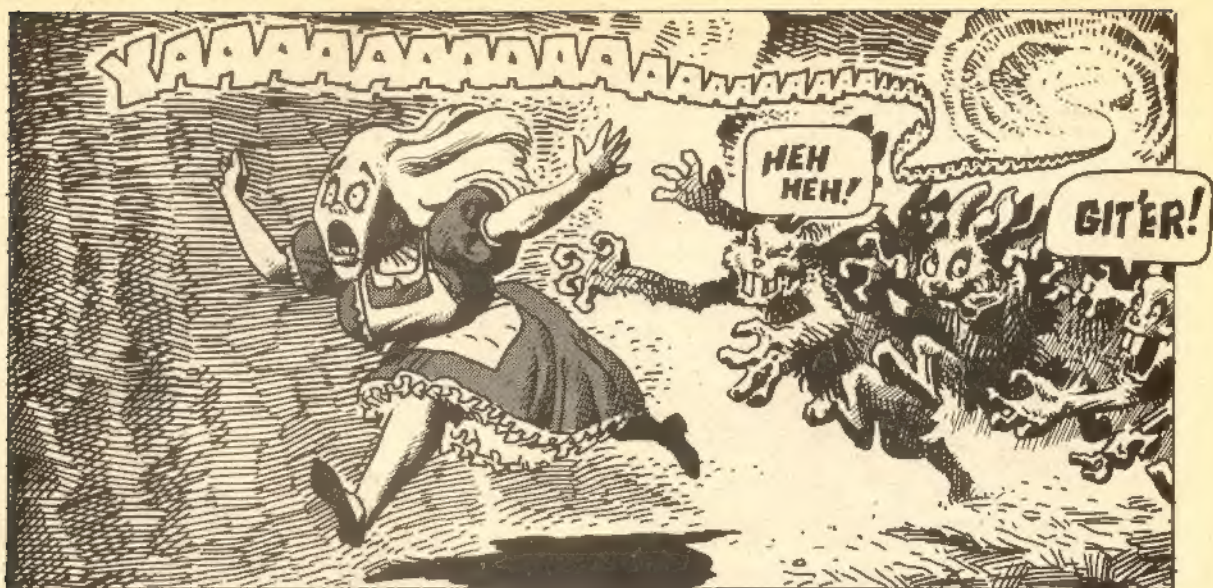
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LEANDER and the FAT QUEEN

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LIKE BIRD DROPPINGS FROM A BRIGHT BLUE SKY, HIGH ADVENTURE IS A CALAMITY THAT CAN BEFALL ANYONE AT ANY TIME, PITCHING HIM FROM

HIS LIFE OF QUIET DESPERATION INTO ONE OF CARD-CARRYING PANIC. WHAT TURNS A TIMMIE INTO A HERO? PURE CHANCE, FRIENDS, PURE CHANCE.



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TONIGHT'S VICTIM IS NAMED LEANDER. THAT'S HIM DOWN BELOW, SQUEAKING HIS WAY HOMEWARD AFTER A LONG DAY OF NOTHING IN PARTICULAR.

NOT EXACTLY KRUNCH THE BARBARIAN OR ZAK OF TIMBUKTU, I'LL ADMIT, BUT THESE DAYS YOU TAKE WHAT YOU CAN GET.

WELL, NOTHING TO DO NOW BUT SIT BACK AND WATCH THE WHEELS OF FATE IN ACTION...





HUH?



HEY! WAIT
A MINUTE!



YOU AREN'T THE
ONLY ONE USES
THIS ROAD Y'KNOW!
I GOT
SOME RIGHTS!



THIS STAIN'S GONNA
BE HARD TO GET
OUT, AND, UH, I
WOULDN'T WANTA
GET TOUGH...!



PLEASE!
I UNDERSTAND
PERFECTLY... AND
I'LL BE GLAD TO
MAKE AMENDS.



YOU
WILL?



OF COURSE!
IN FACT, I THINK
I HAVE JUST THE
ITEM TO HELP
YOU FORGIVE MY
MOUNT'S, AH,
INDISCRETION!

NOW LET'S SEE, WHERE
DID I PUT THAT? I
KNOW IT'S IN HERE
SOMEWHERE IF I CAN
JUST... AH! HERE IT IS!



PLEASE, ACCEPT THIS
RING AS A TOKEN
OF MY REGRET!



WELL!
THANKS!



THAT'S MIGHTY GENEROUS
OF YOU! REAL
GOLD, TOO!

I'M A FAIR
MAN!



...THOUGH PERHAPS I
SHOULD MENTION
THE CURSE...



OH NO YOU DON'T! - OOF! -
I'M NOT GETTING STUCK
WITH NO-UGH! -
HEXED RING!



I'M AFRAID YOU HAVEN'T A
CHOICE - IT CAN ONLY BE
REMOVED BY MARRIAGE TO
HEPHZIBAH, QUEEN OF THE
LOST ISLAND OF GRZZ, THE
LAST RINGBEARER NEVER
MADE IT, SAD TO SAY.



WELL? WHAT - OUCH! -
WHAT HAPPENED
TO HIM?

I'M SITTING ON HIM,
THE COMPLETE CHANGE
TAKES ABOUT A MONTH.



BUT I'M SURE THAT ONE
OF **YOUR** CALIBRE WILL
HAVE NO TROUBLE AT
ALL, NOT LIKE SOME
ORDINARY MAN!



TRUE... BUT STILL,
IF I JUST HAD SOME
HINT AS TO WHERE
THIS PLACE **IS**...



OH THAT'S
EASILY DONE!

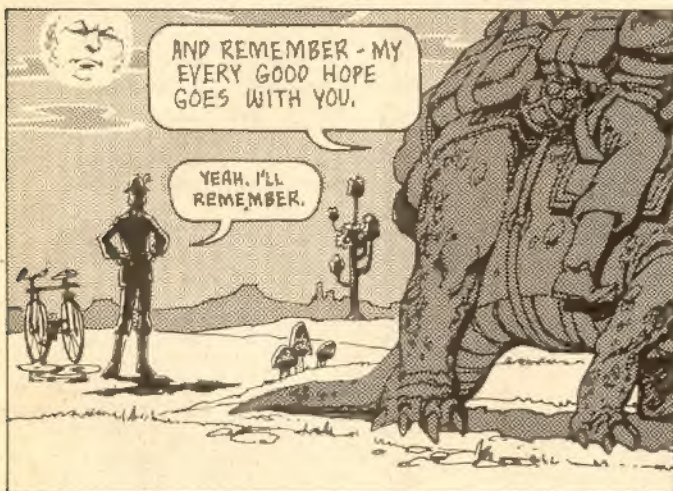
AFTER ALL, YOU KNOW WHERE
EVERYPLACE **ELSE** IS! JUST
GO WHERE EVERYPLACE **ISN'T**!

THAT MAKES SENSE...

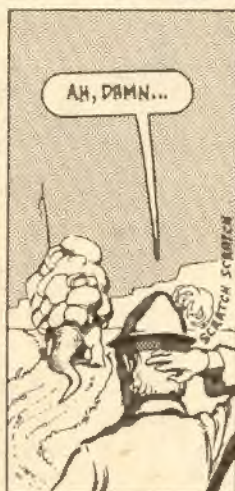


AND REMEMBER - MY
EVERY GOOD HOPE
GOES WITH YOU.

YEAH, I'LL
REMEMBER.



AH, DAMN...



NOW THAT'S
WHAT I CALL A
DIRTY TRICK!



THE OLD
CAVEAT EMPTOR
AT IT'S PEAK!
DISGUSTING!

NOW YOU BUTT IN!
WHERE WAS YOUR
ADVICE WHEN I
NEEDED IT?



I DON'T KNOW HOW IT
LOOKS FROM DOWN THERE,
BUT FROM UP HERE IT
SEEMS AS THOUGH YOU
COULD USE ALL THE
HELP YOU CAN GET!

SO WHAT AM
I GONNA DO?



I DON'T KNOW
WHERE GRZZ IS,
OR EVEN IF
THE QUEEN WILL
MARRY ME ONCE
I **DO** FIND
HER! IN FACT,
I DON'T KNOW
NOTHING...



EXCEPT THAT I'M
GONNA TURN INTO A BIG
FAT LIZARD IF I DON'T
GET RID OF THIS RING!



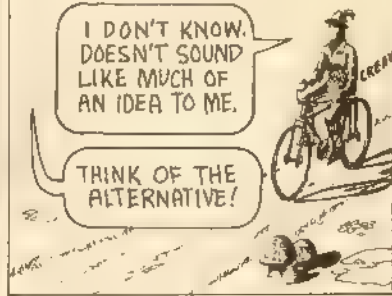
WELL, NOW
MAYBE I CAN
BE OF SOME
SERVICE, TELL
YOU WHAT,
LEANDER...



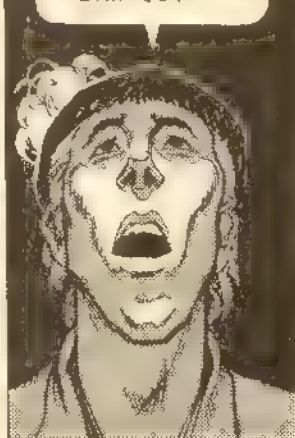
YOU JUST HOP ON
A SHIP AND I'LL
PULL A FEW
STRINGS- SEE IF
WE CAN'T GET
YOU TO THIS
LOST ISLAND!

I DON'T KNOW.
DOESN'T SOUND
LIKE MUCH OF
AN IDEA TO ME.

THINK OF THE
ALTERNATIVE!



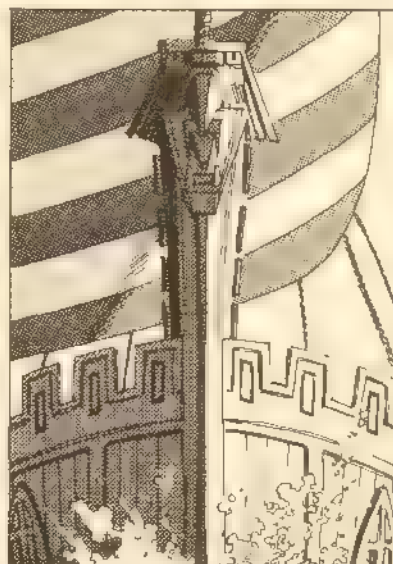
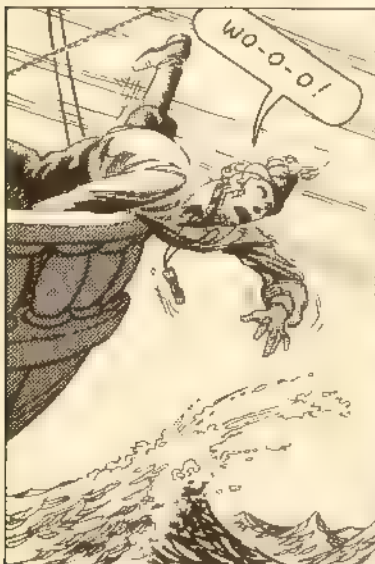
WHEN'S THE NEXT
SHIP OUT?

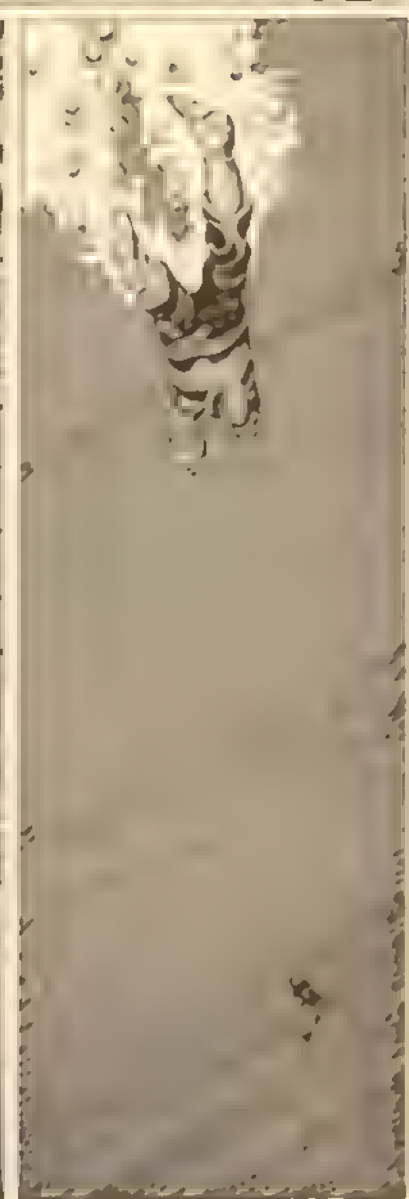
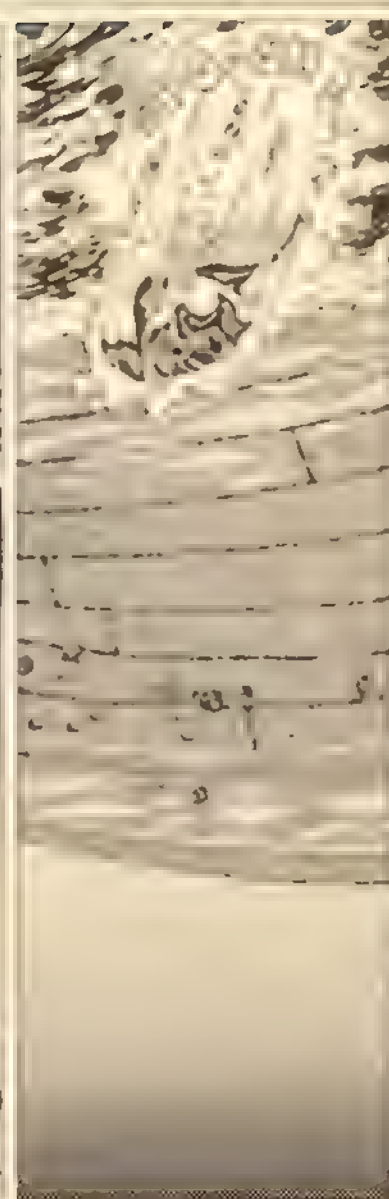


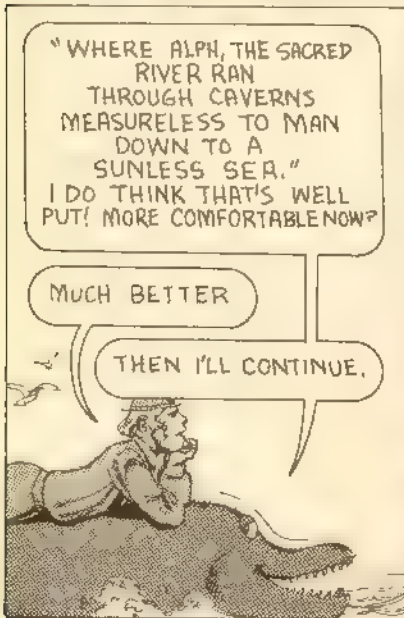
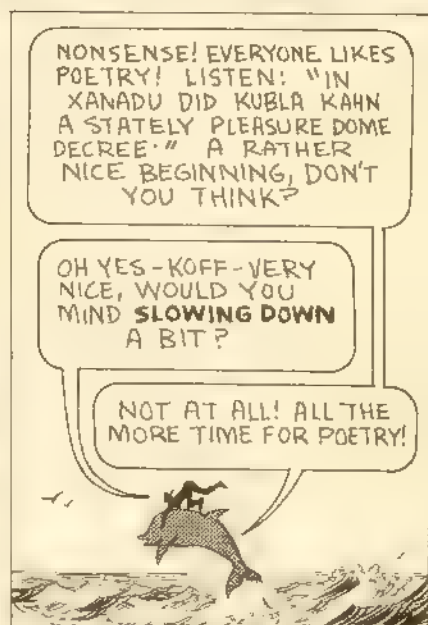
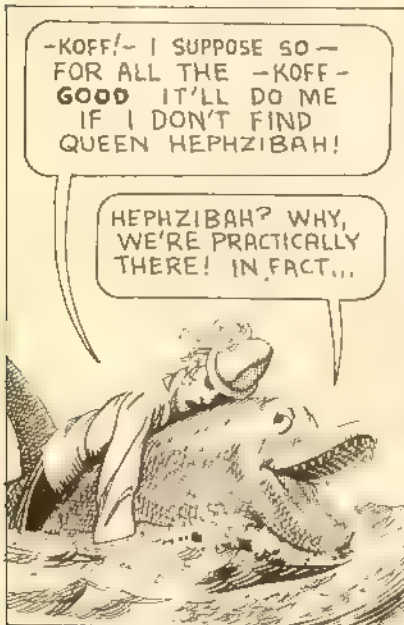
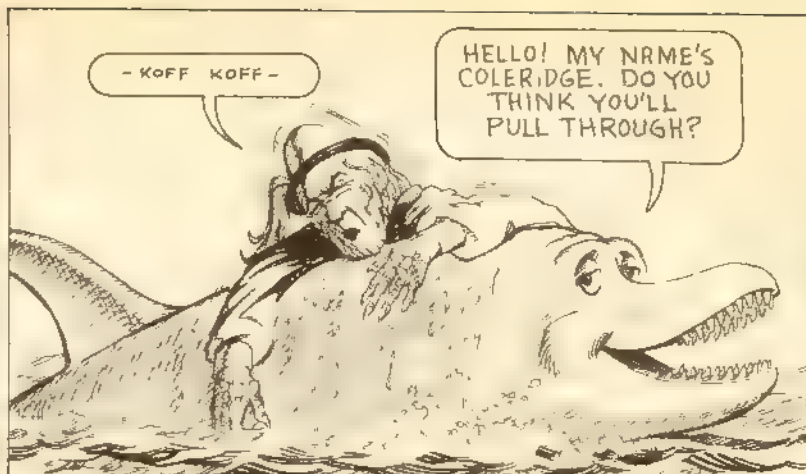
AND SO THE NEXT WEEK FINDS
LEANDER KNEE-DEEP IN HIGH
ADVENTURE. MIDWAY THRU
THE WEEK HE BEGAN TO NOTICE
A SLIGHT SCALINESS OVER HIS
SKIN, AND A TENDENCY FOR IT
TO CHANGE COLOR AND BLEND
ITSELF WITH THE BACKGROUND.
HIS BODY TEMPERATURE BEGAN
TO FLUCTUATE WITH THE WEATHER,
AND VAGUELY HE PONDERED THE
TASTE OF FLIES. LEANDER WAS
BEGINNING TO WORRY.

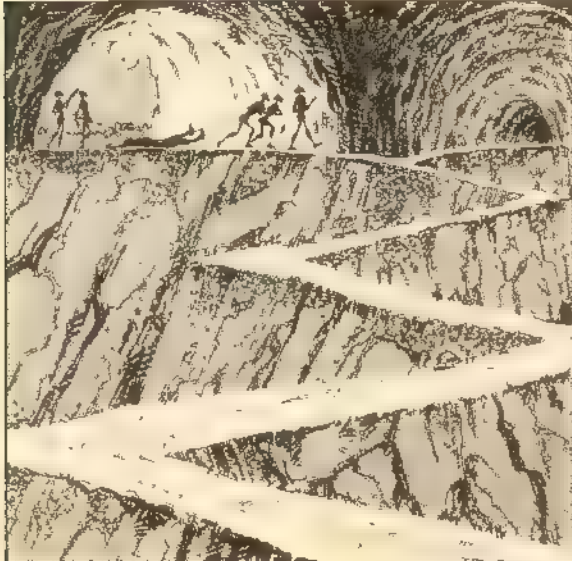


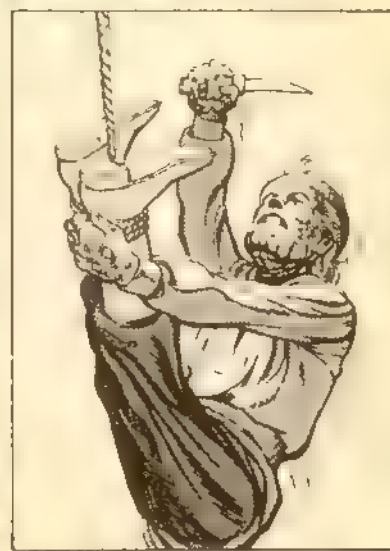
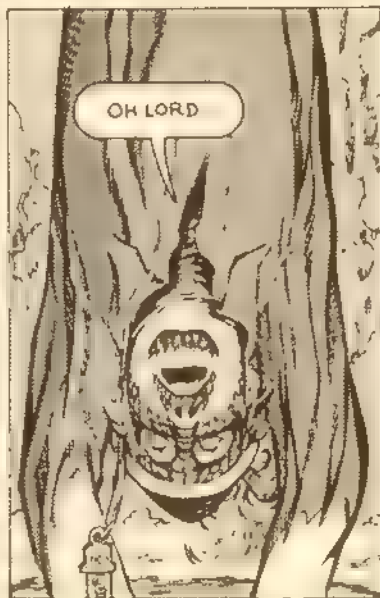
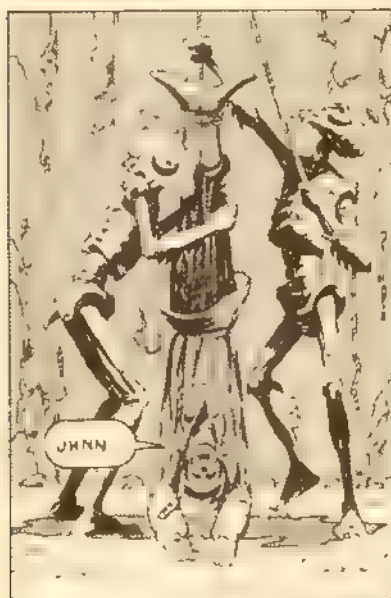
A WEEK! ONE FOURTH OF MY TIME GONE AND, FOR ALL I KNOW, NOT A FOOT CLOSER TO QUEEN HEPHIZBAH THAN I'VE **EVER** BEEN! I THOUGHT THAT WIND-BAG MOON WAS GONNA **DO** SOMETHING, PULL SOME STRINGS!

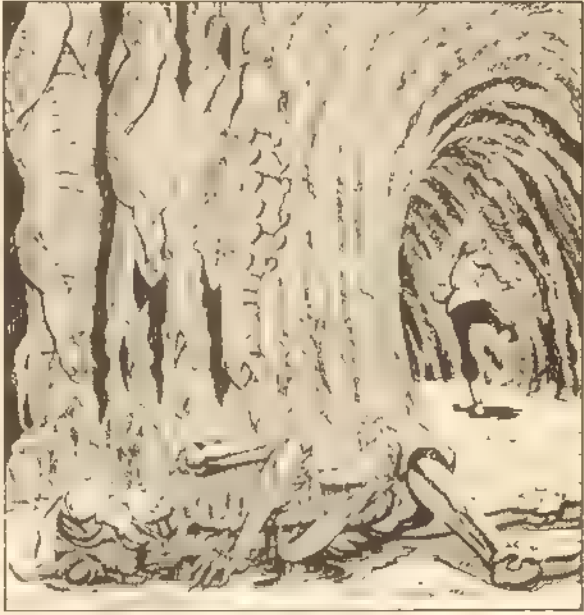
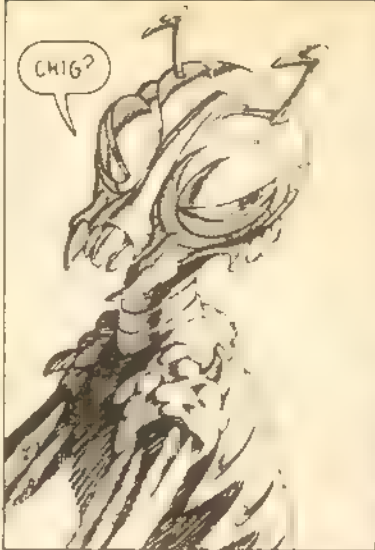


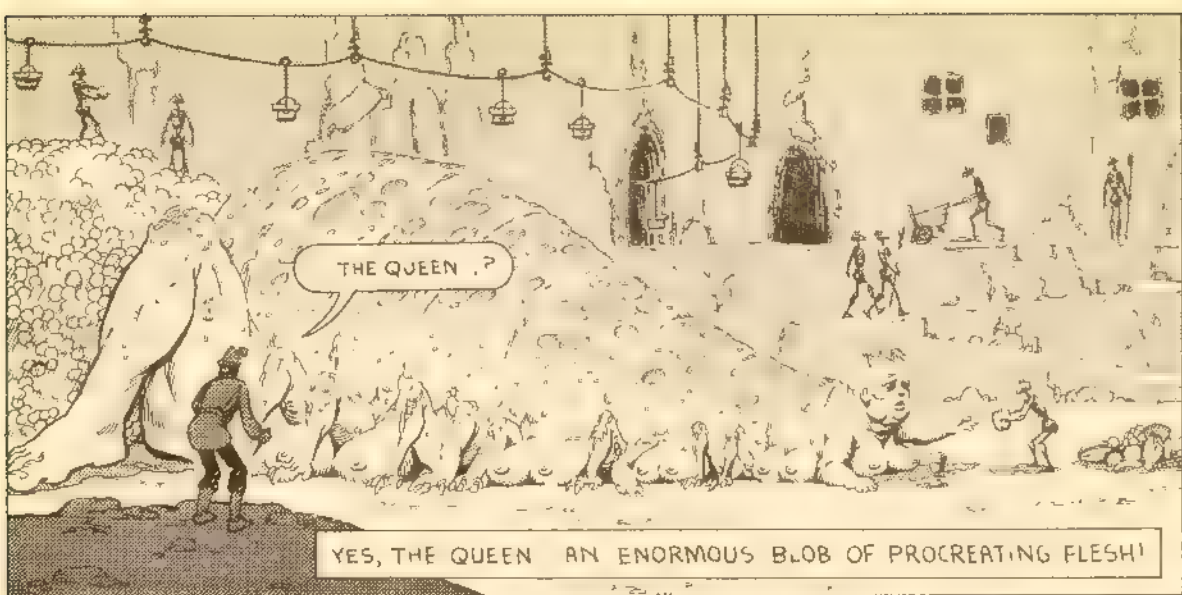




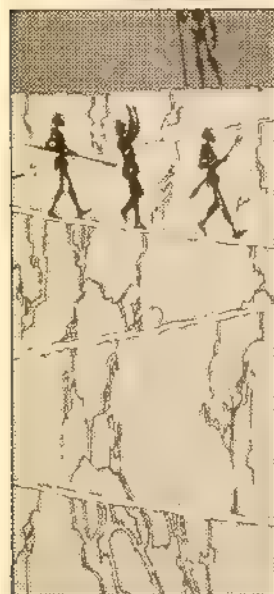


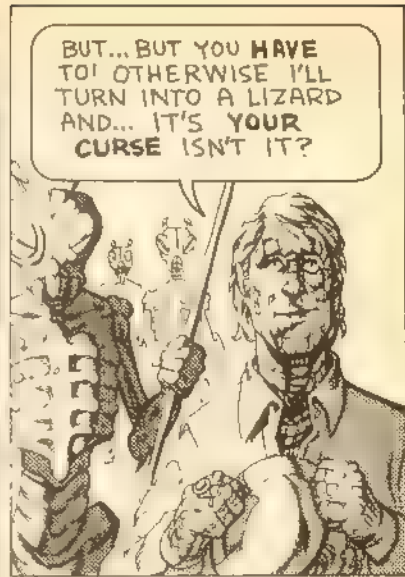






YES, THE QUEEN AN ENORMOUS BLOB OF PROCREATING FLESH!





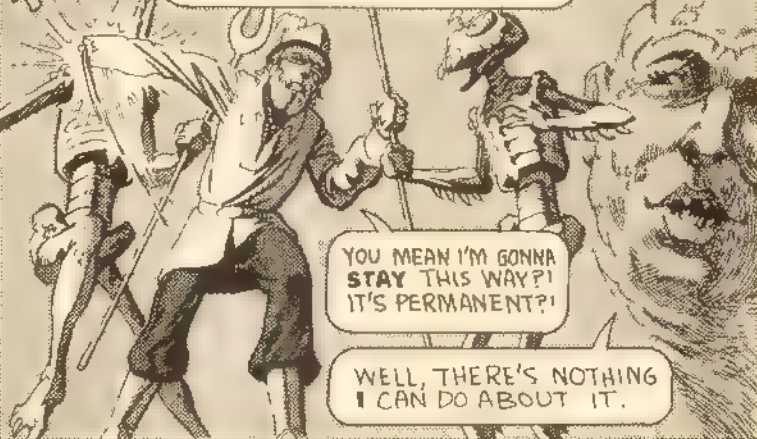
DAMMIT! I COULD HAVE
DONE THAT MYSELF!



ALL THIS HAS BEEN
FOR NOTHING!

THUK

PLEASE! CONTROL YOURSELF!
YOU ARE PART LIZARD MAY-
BE IT WILL GROW BACK!



YOU MEAN I'M GONNA
STAY THIS WAY?
IT'S PERMANENT?!

WELL, THERE'S NOTHING
I CAN DO ABOUT IT.

AH...HELL! YOU AND
YOUR DAMN CURSE!



KRUNCH

WHAP!



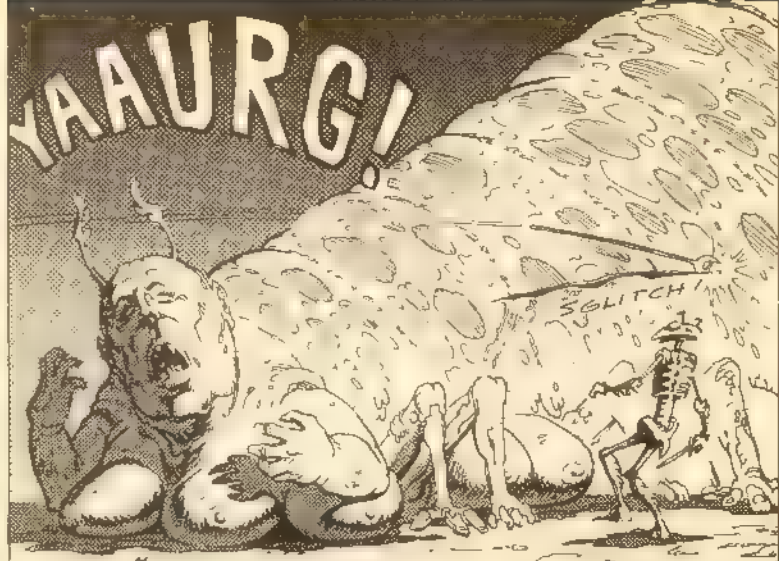
KRUNCH

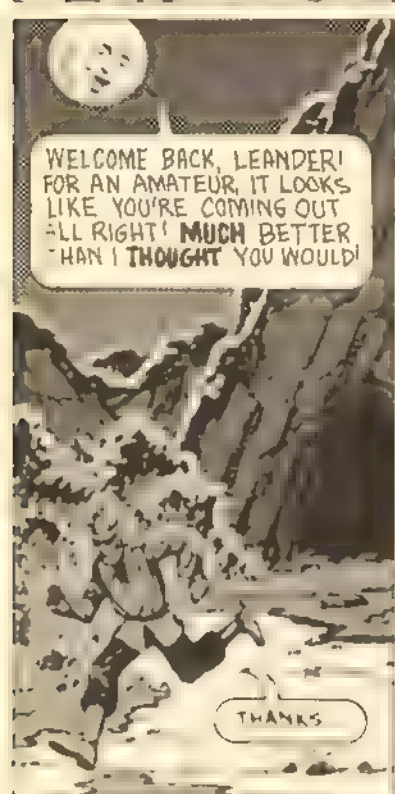
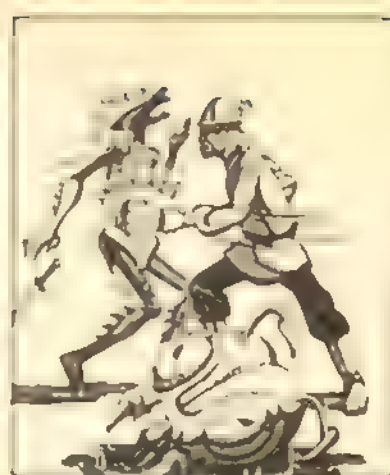
THAT DOES IT...



I THINK I'VE TAKEN
ABOUT ENOUGH...







WELCOME BACK, LEANDER!
FOR AN AMATEUR, IT LOOKS
LIKE YOU'RE COMING OUT
ALL RIGHT! **MUCH** BETTER
THAN I **THOUGHT** YOU WOULD!

THANKS



IN FACT, YOU MAY FIND
CERTAIN ADVANTAGES
TO BEING PART LIZARD!
YOUR HAND FOR INSTANCE...

YEAH I HEARD
ALREADY.

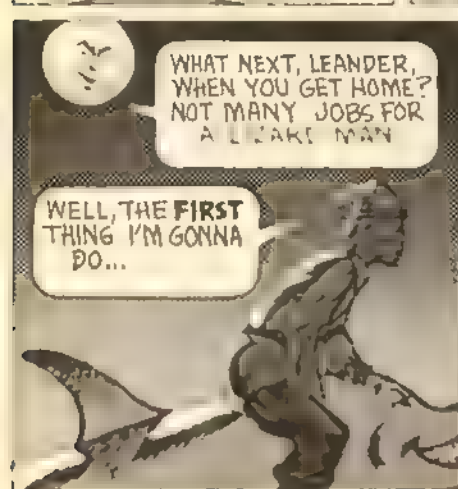


GLAD YOU MADE IT
LEANDER! NOW I CAN
FINISH THAT POEM

JUST TAKE ME
HOME **LEANDER**

YEAH **MAD**
LEANDER?

FOR
AWHILE



WHAT NEXT, LEANDER,
WHEN YOU GET HOME?
NOT MANY JOBS FOR
A LIZARD MAN

WELL, THE **FIRST**
THING I'M GONNA
DO...



I'M A **NNA**
KIDNE A
MERCHANT,

THE END

AND SO WE FIND THE TURNED WORM **ISN'T** THE
SAME ON BOTH ENDS! WHAT'S NEXT? WHO CAN SAY?

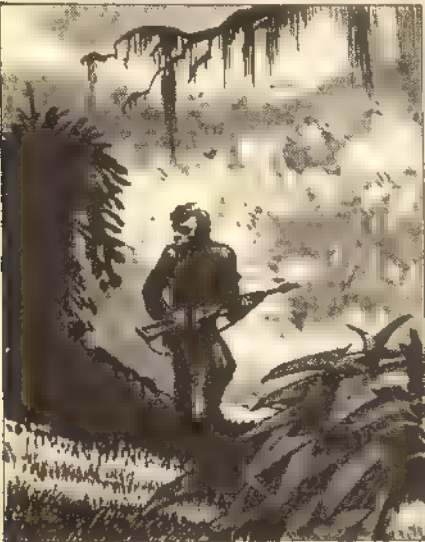
ENCOUNTER AT WAR

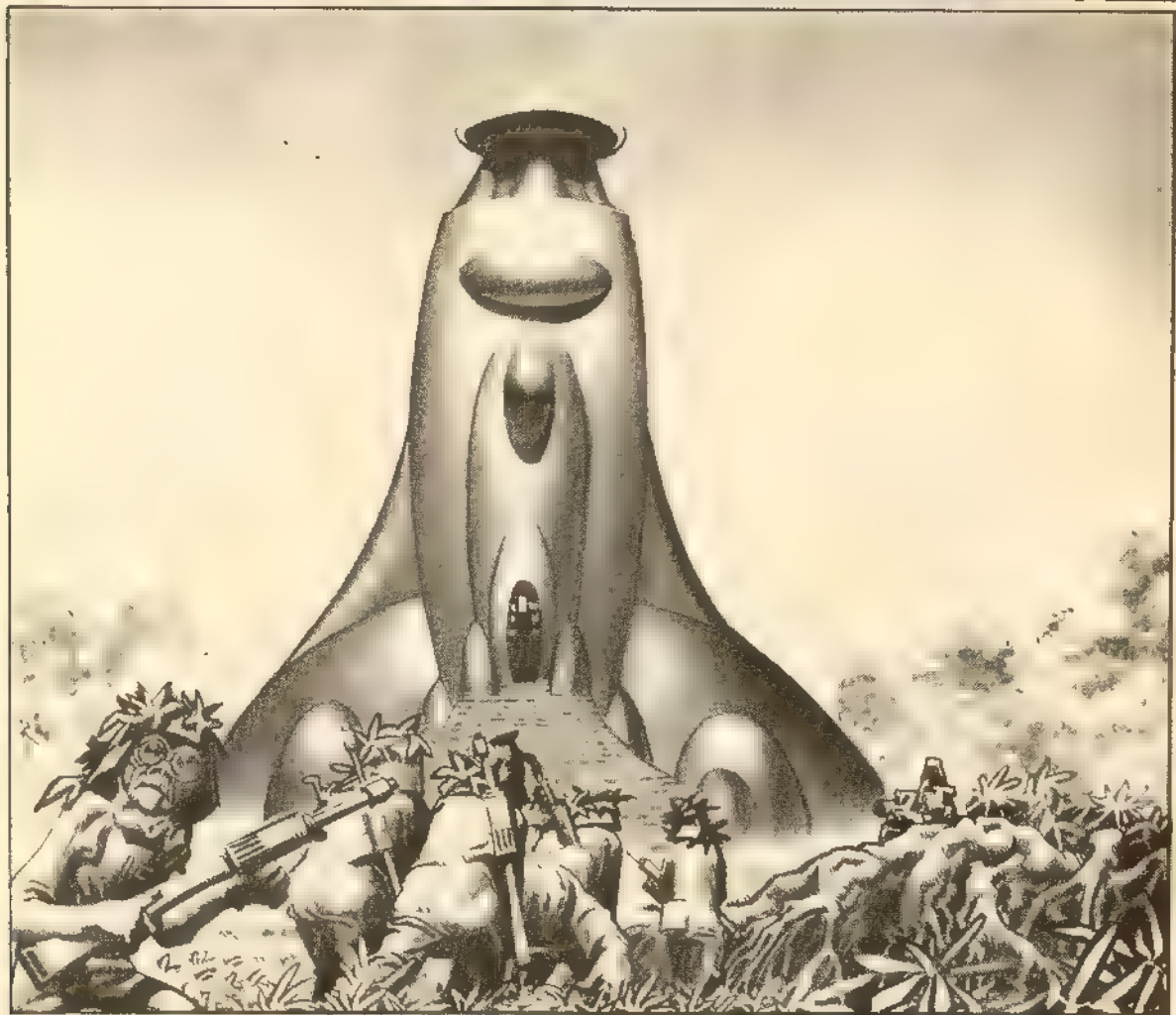


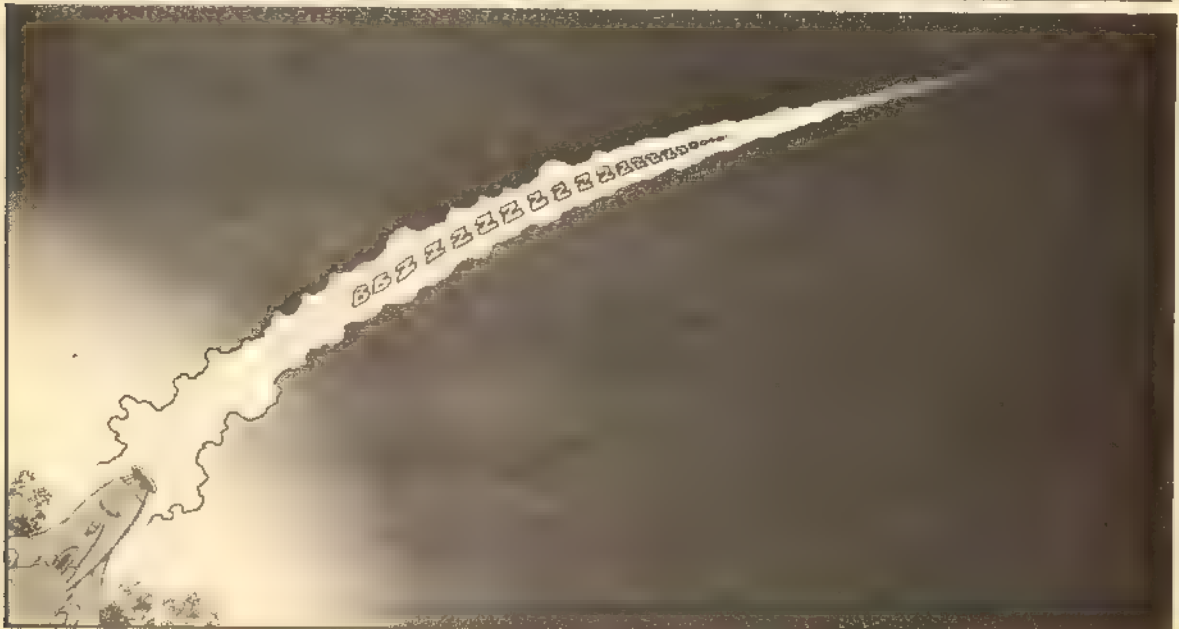
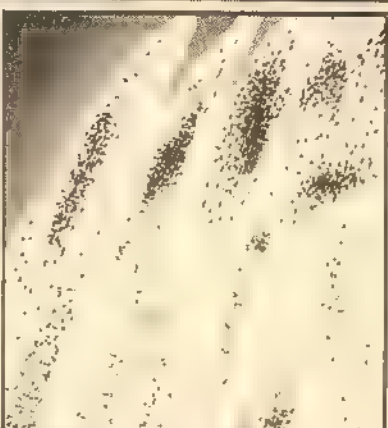
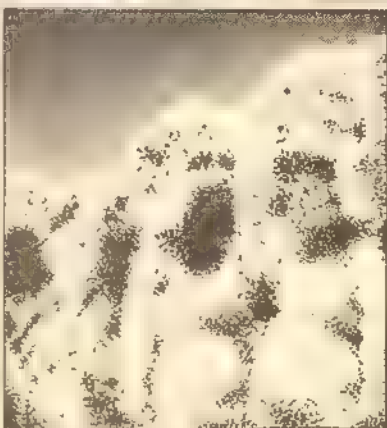
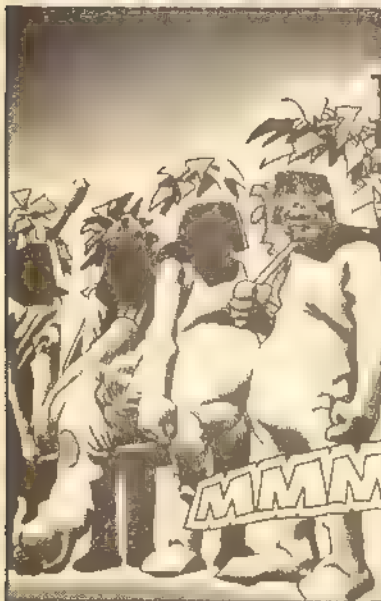
THIS IS WHERE THE CAPTAIN WAS LAST SEEN. THINK THERE'S BEEN TROUBLE?

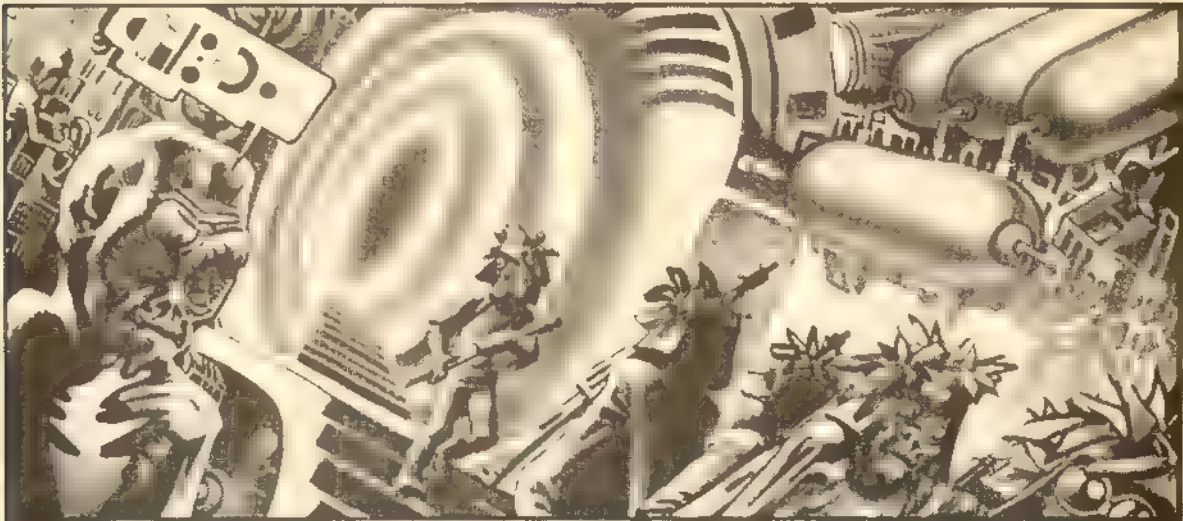
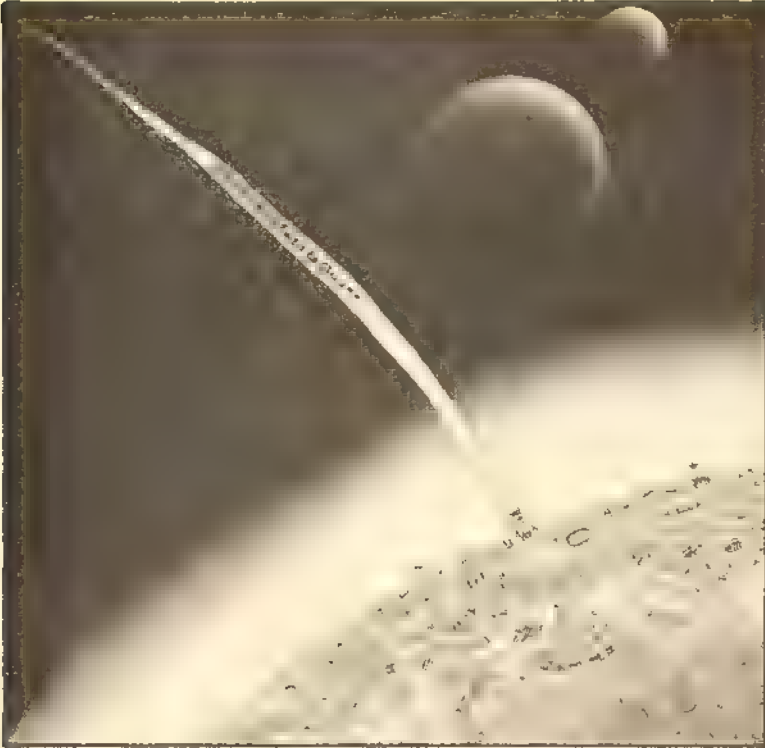
COULD BE, WE'LL KNOW WHEN—
WAIT A MINUTE!

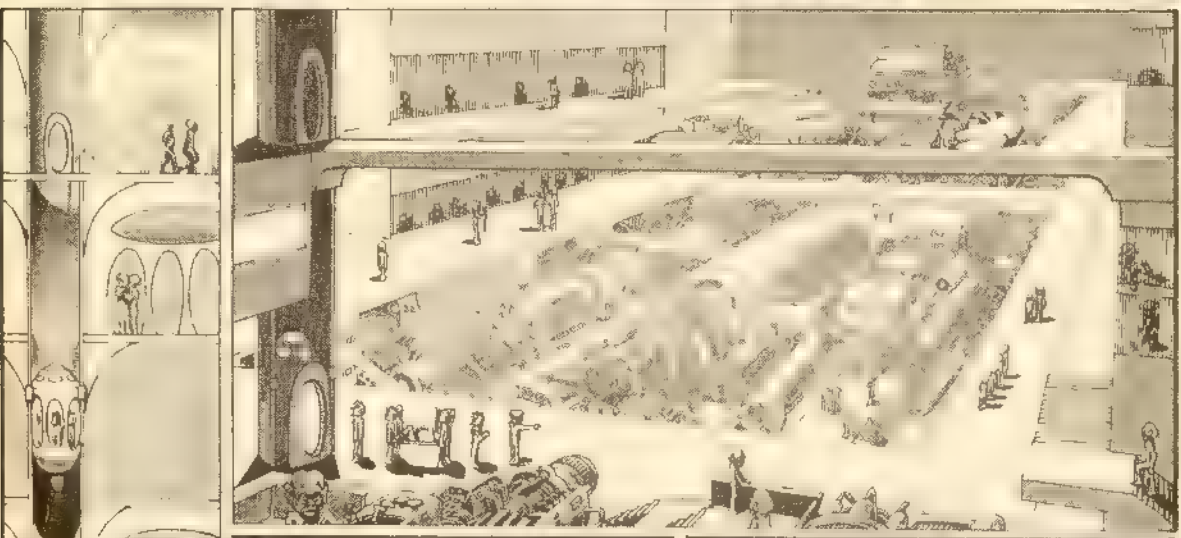
I'M PICKING UP SOME HIGH ENERGY OUTPUT ON THE METER. A VERY POWERFUL RADIO TYPE TRANSMISSION CLOSE BY... MIGHT TIE IN WITH THE CAPTAIN'S DISAPPEARANCE.

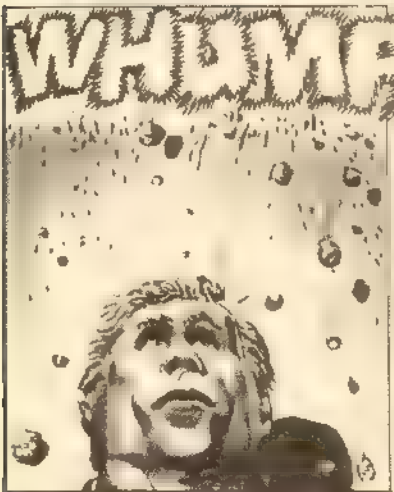
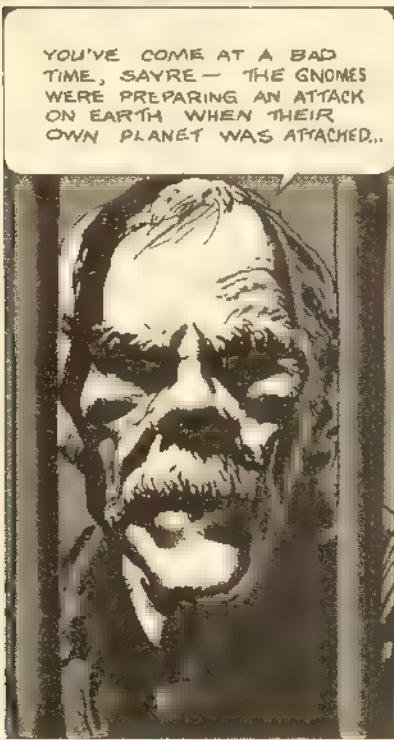
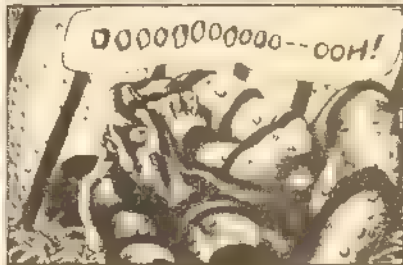


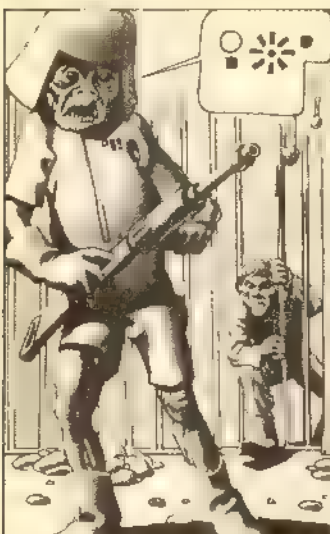


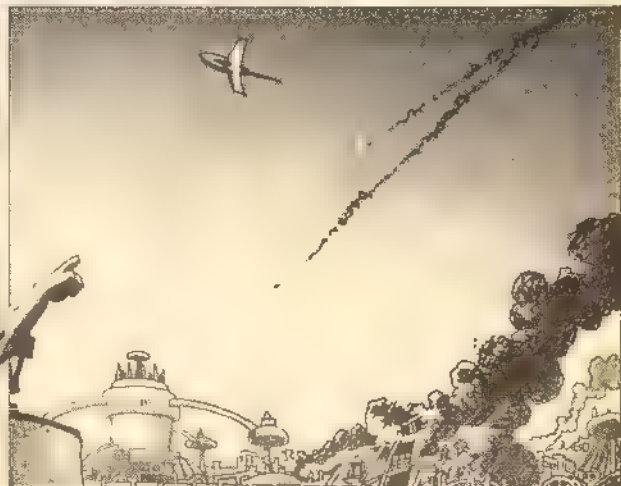
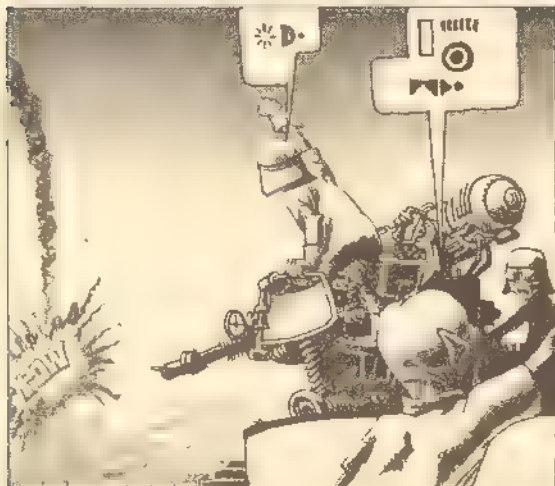
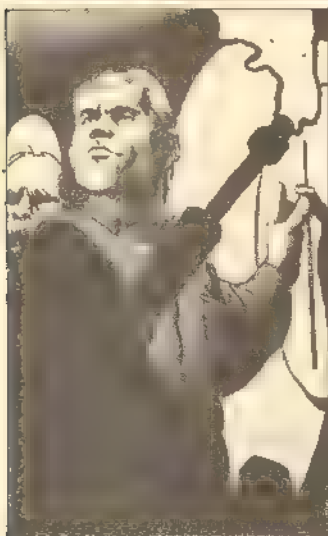


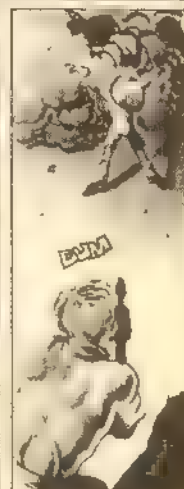
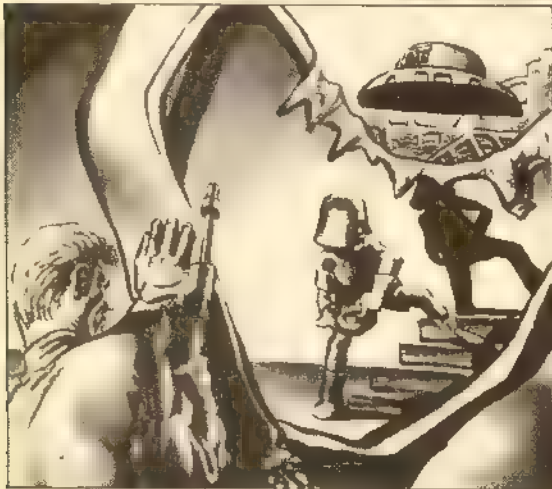


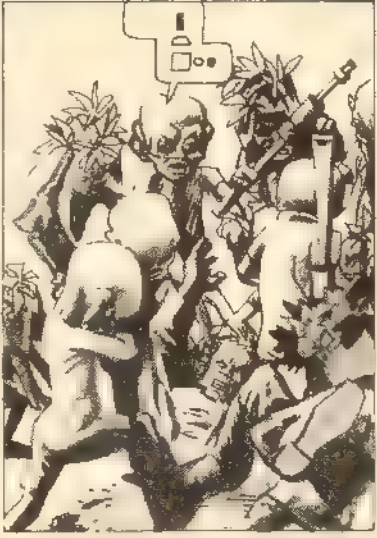
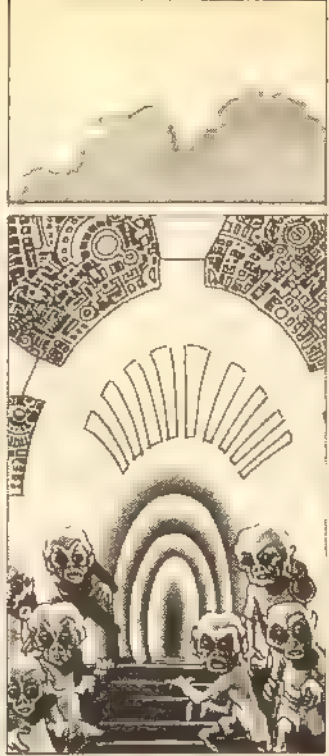








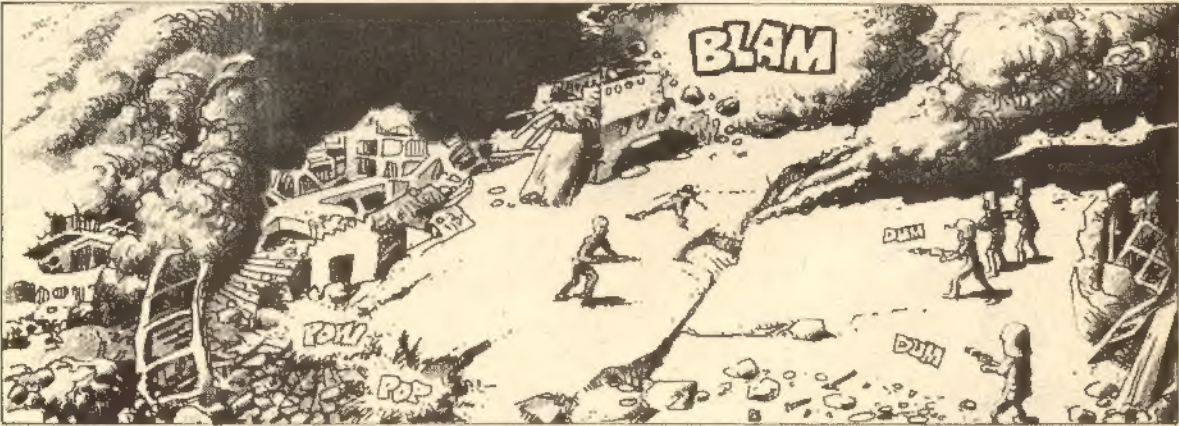




**YOU
BASTARD!**

YOU COULD'VE
WAITED!

HE'S DEAD!



THE END



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